

## PARTY DOMINATED BY REPUBLICANS

Charge in Connection With Investigation of Democratic Primary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., August 27.—The subcommittee from the Democratic State Committee investigating "fusionism" between Democrats and Republicans in Norfolk county, spent yesterday in hearing affirmative testimony offered by the "straightout" Democratic side, which announced that it could not conclude its case in chief until Tuesday night. Much testimony was introduced in an effort to show that one faction of the Democratic party fuses with Republicans, with the charge made that Republicans are thereby dominating the Democratic party machinery in the county. The defense will begin its evidence next week, and the investigation be ended within less than ten days.

W. C. Meglin, member of the county executive committee, was the principal witness. He frankly admitted there are two factions in the county, and that he belongs to the Fusionists. He refused to answer whether he had held political conferences with L. M. Nicholas, chairman of the Republican committee.

Two registrars of Norfolk county were put on the stand to prove that voters in Fairmont Park precinct were registered in the city, and had not been transferred. Other witnesses testified that quite a number of those who voted in the county primary live in the city, and by paying poll taxes are on the qualified voting list of the city. Other evidence was that unnaturally high immigrants were permitted to vote over the protest and challenge of "straightout" judges.

A. H. Henley, registrar of Sewalls Point precinct, testified that the registration book was kept at the home of Curtis L. Old, the fusion candidate for the House of Delegates, and that Mr. Old entered on the book the names of persons registering, although the entries were made in his presence.

The investigation will be resumed Monday at 10 o'clock.

**Ashland News Notes.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., August 27.—Dr. and Mrs. Frank Day have returned from a delightful Northern trip.

Miss Julia McKee is the guest of Miss Anna Beverly Vaden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall left Friday for West Point, Va., to visit relatives.

Warner Peatross, of Danville, is here for a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. W. J. Leake and Miss Mary Borne were guests on Friday of Mrs. Clara Grundy.

Miss Mary O. Peak, of Washington, is visiting Miss Edythe White.

Mrs. J. Stewart Smith and Stewart Lee Smith, who have been with Mrs. J. Watkins Lee during July and August, have returned to New York.

S. C. Weisiger left today to spend a few days at Fort Union.

Walter Vaughan is in Louisa visiting relatives.

L. E. W. Meyberg has returned from a delightful stay at the Natural Bridge.

Mrs. Meyberg has gone to Fork Union to visit her sister, Mrs. Harry White.

W. C. Blanton, Carroll Bodeker, Perry and Wilmer Hall and George Morris left today in Mr. Blanton's automobile for a trip through the Valley of Virginia.

Miss Margaret Palmer, who has been Miss Ruth Blake's guest, has returned to her home at Salisbury.

A very informal host was given at the Auditorium last night. Among those dancing were Misses Ruth Blakey, Alice Harrison, Margaret Palmer, Sarah and Elise Cardwell, Kitty Kent, May Baldwin, Annie M. W. C. Blanton, Carroll Bodeker, Perry and Edythe White, Richard Carr, William Lancaster, Walter Snyder, Luther Hartsook, Warner Peatross, Robert Hunter, Frank Cox, Dr. Hart, Jones, Battle and Fitz White, Campbell and Floyd Tucker and Willie Cardwell.

**Andrew—Ellington.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., August 27.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ellington, of this city, received a message yesterday from Bristol, Tenn., announcing the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to C. W. Andrew, of Greensboro, N. C.

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## News of South Richmond

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Despite the intense interest in the Beattie trial most citizens of South Richmond are alive to the fact that the Democratic primary will take place September 7, and political gossip is occupying the attention of many.

D. L. Tenney, who represented Manchester in the House of Delegates prior to the consolidation with Richmond, and who is now a candidate for the same office from the city, is being looked upon with favor by many and expressions heard in all parts of town indicate that the aggressive fight he has been conducting has won him much support.

M. A. Campbell, also an aspirant for the General Assembly from Washington Twp., is also putting up a vigorous contest and his supporters are equally as confident of victory for him as those who will lend their aid to Mr. Tenney are.

A rumor that a combination had been effected with certain candidates from the north side of the river by those on the south, whereby it was planned to reciprocate has been denied by Mr. Campbell.

**All-Absorbing Topic.**  
Will Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., be convicted of the murder of his wife in the Michigan Twp. trial on the night of July 13? Will he be acquitted? Do you think the trial will result in a hung jury. What do you think about the case, anyway?

These are sample questions which are heard at all times, and in all places thronged with South Richmond and most of Chesterfield county. Not only are they being asked on the Southside, but throughout Richmond and in practically all parts of the State and in many places in the country are they being discussed.

It is the one all-absorbing topic in this community. Nowhere, however, as in former Manchester, is the interest more keen. Known from his boyhood to most of the citizens, Henry Beattie and the crime of which he is accused, and for which he is now standing trial, has aroused men, women and children.

In anticipation that Paul Beattie, the cousin, who says he purchased the gun with which the murder is said to have been done will testify, there will be another large outpouring of South Richmonders to the Chesterfield courthouse to-day.

So deep has been the interest that in some quarters it is declared to have affected business.

**Arrests Yesterday.**  
The following arrests were made yesterday:

Jeff Wallace, colored, two warrants, alleging that he assaulted his wife and his mother-in-law.

Harriet Saunders, cursing and abusing Mary Walling.

Robert Taylor, abusing and threatening the life of Paul Miller.

Paul Miller, stealing one chicken from Lottie Taylor.

They were locked up in the Third Police Station and will be given a hearing this morning before Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court No. 2.

**Mr. Haley Preaches.**  
After a brief vacation, Rev. J. T. Haley, pastor of the Stockton Baptist Church, yesterday resumed his duties.

**WATER FAMINE FEARED IF DROUGHT CONTINUES**  
Rappahannock River Lower Than It Has Been for Twenty-Five Years.

**Aged Minister Celebrates Birthday.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., August 27.—The Rappahannock River here is lower than it has been for a quarter of a century. There is no danger of a water famine in this city as yet, but there will be if the drought continues several weeks longer.

A representative of a powder company was here yesterday and arranged to give a demonstration meeting to show the farmers the advantage of using dynamite for removing stumps, subsiding, for digging holes for tree planting and for opening the land for drainage. He arranged with Captain M. B. Rowe to use a portion of his land on "Altoona" farm, near this city, for holding the demonstrations, and farmers from all of the surrounding counties will be invited to come and see the work done.

The Gooden Baptist Association will convene with County Line Baptist Church, in Caroline county, on Tuesday, September 5, and continue in session three days. The grounds have been nicely prepared, large crowds are expected each day, and big dinners will be served under the trees.

The annual meeting of the County Society of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America of Spotsylvania county was held with Luncheon Camp, near Brockenburg. A large number of members of the order were present, and officers were elected, as follows: J. R. Mansfield, president; E. W. Altburg, vice-president; Captain T. M. Larkin, M. F. P. C. Goodie, secretary; J. J. Broadbush, treasurer; J. D. Corthorn, Jr.; R. N. Usher, guard; A. W. Wigglesworth, chaplain.

Rev. P. H. Hawkins, the well-known Baptist minister of Spotsylvania county, who is still in active service, yesterday celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday at his home. Many relatives were with him, and a splendid birthday dinner was served by Mrs. Hawkins. Rev. Mr. Hawkins is the oldest citizen of Spotsylvania county.

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**AN INCREASE IS SHOWN IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., August 27.—The following statistical report was read at the Albemarle Sunday-School convention, which closed Friday night at Grace Church, Clamont. Schools reporting, 55; scholars, 5,021; officers and teachers, 338; conversions, 300; collections, \$3,882.95; all the year schools, 44—an increase along all lines.

The features of the convention were the addresses delivered by Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia, Roosevelt professor at Berlin last winter, and by George Perkins, a prominent member of the local bar. State Secretary Digges, of Richmond, conducted a question box.



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## CAPT. VAN SCHAICK IS GIVEN PAROLE

**Commander of Ill-Fated General Slocum Released From Sing Sing.**

New York, August 27.—Captain William H. Van Schaick, who was commander of the excursion steamer General Slocum when it burned in Hell Gate, June 15, 1904, with a loss of a thousand lives, was paroled by the United States government yesterday and returned to his home in this city from Sing Sing prison.

It was a surprise to his wife and family and to the captain himself. The old man, now seventy-two years of age, was almost overcome when Warden John S. Kennedy, of Sing Sing, told him to-day that parole papers had arrived from Attorney-General Wickersham.

Following the historic catastrophe, the captain of the Slocum was made a Federal prisoner on a charge of criminal negligence of duty for the failure to have provided worthy fire protection and life preservers on the steamer. At the time of Captain Van Schaick's conviction, there was considerable popular sympathy for him, because all the punishment for the terrible accident fell on his shoulders.

Even the families of the victims came to feel the seeming injustice of his bearing the burden alone and many of them signed a petition for the captain's pardon, which was sent to Washington.

## WARRANTS FOR MERCHANTS

**Five Charged With Doing Business in Violation of Sunday Law.**

Five warrants were sworn out yesterday at the First Police Station charging the following merchants with doing business on Sunday in violation of the city ordinance:

Mrs. Joseph, Twenty-ninth and P Streets; P. Nigro, P Street, between Twenty-ninth and Twenty-eighth; M. J. Kouri, Twenty-ninth Street, between P and Q; Jacob Golden, 1023 North Seventeenth Street; S. Kaufman, 1035 North Seventeenth Street.

**Inquest This Morning.**

An inquest into the death of Sam Richardson, the negro who was shot Saturday night by Arthur Stuart, now under arrest, will be conducted this morning at 10 o'clock by Coroner Taylor at the City Hall.

## Around the Hotels

Lexington—W. B. Mahone, Lynchburg; C. Gresham and family, Newport News; John B. Petty, Michaux.

Murphy—J. D. Willis, Willis; W. B. Lawson, South Boston; J. E. Parley, South Boston; Dr. C. D. Townes, Waverly; T. M. Puller, Virginia; John A. McClain, Norfolk; Fred Harper, Lynchburg; F. C. Moon, Lynchburg; L. E. Mosby, Columbia; J. R. Epling, Norfolk.

Richmond—J. L. Nottingham, Norfolk; Miss Helen Barrow, Miss Virginia Barrow, Blackstone.

Gilbert—W. F. Davis, Norfolk; E. B. Kelley, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gates, Leesville; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stevens, Danville.

Stump's—G. M. Booker, Lynchburg; D. E. Compton, Danville; Thomas W. Ozlin, Kenbridge; A. G. Harwood, Jr., Grove.

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND INSTANTLY KILLED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., August 27.—While attending a farmers' meeting, at Braxville yesterday, Bob Allen was struck by lightning and killed, and L. T. Moore and C. B. Woodall were hurled to the floor, and C. P. Minter and Smith Disham were badly shocked.

The meeting was in progress when a severe storm broke, lightning striking a corner of the house, going in the window and striking Allen, who was seated near inside. Allen lived about ten minutes afterward, but never spoke.

## TWO YOUTHS HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

**Police Capture Eleven and Nine-Year-Old Boys in Fourteenth Street Store.**

Caught red-handed while looting the store of F. Woodson, a commission merchant, 7 South Fourteenth Street, Oscar Guthrow, eight years old, of Thirty-first and Marshall Streets, and Early Rigbee, eleven years old, of Twenty-ninth and Leigh Streets, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Officers Matt and Brantley. The boys are said to have gathered together a large quantity of candy, along with some postage stamps and street car tickets, and were preparing to leave with their booty when the police arrived.

Placed under arrest, the youthful prisoners declared that two older boys, Jake Snyder, sixteen years old, and Lawrence Gihrow, fourteen years, threatened them with a licking if they did not go into the store. The police are now searching for the latter.

Both of these boys have figured in police circles before, and are said to be incorrigible. On account of their age, they were paroled in the custody of their parents, and will be brought to Police Court this morning.

**Watson—Reeds.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., August 27.—Selden Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, of Danville, and Miss Annie Reeds, of Fulton, Ky., they will reside in Osceola, Ark.

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## News of Petersburg.

**Times-Dispatch Bureau.**  
109 North Sycamore Street,  
Petersburg, Va., August 27.

E. W. Rainey, one of the two men held for trial for forgery, who escaped from the city jail on Wednesday night, is back in his cell again. He was captured last evening at Disputanta, and brought up to the city on the late passenger train. Rainey says that he spent the day following his escape around his old haunts in Blanford.

Rufus Barnes, the other fugitive, it is believed, has gotten out of the State, but it is thought will be captured.

**Interest in Championship.**  
The series of six games to be played this week between the Norfolk and Petersburg teams will practically settle the question of the championship for the season in the Virginia League. As the score now stands Petersburg is but two games ahead of Norfolk.

Intense interest is manifested by the fans, and if the weather be fair the attendance at the games to be played here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be greater than at any time during the season. A large crowd of Petersburg fans will follow the teams to Norfolk.

**Withdrawn From Suffex.**  
William Harrison, of Sussex, has withdrawn as a candidate for the office of sheriff of the county in account of ill health and inability to make a canvass.

**Political Notes.**  
A meeting of the Dinwiddie Independents was held at Pool's Siding Friday evening, at which several speeches in favor of good government and against county "ring rule" were delivered. The independents will assemble in mass-meeting at the county courthouse to-morrow to formulate their course of action and decide as to the nomination of a ticket for county officers.

Senator A. R. Hobbs, of Prince George, and P. O. Goodrich, of Surry, opposing candidates for the State Senate, are canvassing the district and having joint discussions. A third candidate for the Senate is W. H. Purdy, of Greensville.

**Miscellaneous Notes.**  
Leroy Clarke, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke, of Wakefield, while visiting his grandparents in Ettrick, was taken ill and died yesterday. The body was sent home for burial.

A large six-room public school building, with auditorium, is to be erected at Carson, on the border of Dinwiddie and Prince George. The two counties will bear the expense of building and maintenance. A four-room school building is being erected at Church Road, in Dinwiddie.

The Rev. W. S. Taylor, D. D., preached his farewell sermon this morning before a large congregation in the First Baptist Church, in which he told of the "Lights and Shadows of a Happy Pastorate." Dr. Taylor will leave to-morrow to assume charge of the church in Clarksburg, W. Va. He carries with him the good wishes of the people of Petersburg, among whom he has lived and labored for eight years.

An interesting family reunion, in which three generations were included, was held on Friday at the home of William F. Bowden, in Prince George county.

Wade Prince and John Jackson, negroes, got into trouble last night in Blanford. Prince was felled by Jackson by a blow on the head with a bottle loaded with whiskey, and a doctor had to stitch his wound. Jackson was arrested.

## CHARGES AGAINST U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, N. C., August 27.—A court-martial has been ordered by the War Department to pass upon charges preferred against Captain Howard L. Landers, United States Army, stationed at Fort Caswell, near this city. It is alleged that Landers imprisoned a white citizen, A. W. Moore, of Southport, who had gone on the government reservation to sell watermelons. Moore got permission from Captain Landers to sell his produce to the soldiers, but Landers prescribed a maximum price of 25 cents. Moore claims the melons were worth more, and charged the soldiers 15 cents additional for delivery to their tents. Landers got mad at this subterfuge and had Moore arrested before he left the fort and forcibly imprisoned him. Moore's friends became indignant and preferred charges against the officer.

## ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN ITS 120TH SESSION

Charlottesville, Va., August 27.—The Albemarle Baptist Association will meet with the Liberty Baptist Church, five miles from this city, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in its 120th session. The association is composed of twenty-one churches in Albemarle county and six churches in Fluvanna county, with a total membership of 4,314. There are in the association thirty Sunday-schools with a membership of 2,721. The present officers are: Samuel M. Page, moderator; C. Thomas, clerk; Samuel J. Robertson, treasurer. The introductory sermon will be preached by the Rev. Furman H. Martin, D. D., of the First Baptist Church, this city, and the doctrinal sermon by the Rev. Henry W. Battle, D. D., of the High Street Baptist Church. A large attendance is expected to meet with this historic old church, which was constituted in the year 1828.

## Will Meet in Danville.

Danville, Va., August 26.—The twenty-ninth convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Virginia, will be held in Danville September 25 and 28, at Main Street Church. On Monday evening of the 25th, there will be a consecration meeting and social hour. Tuesday evening will be welcome night, and the president's annual address. On Wednesday evening there will be a grand gold medal contest. On Thursday evening Judge Pritchard, of Asheville, will deliver the annual convention address.

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